

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Zuniga et al. Art Unit : 1763
Serial No. : 10/826,185 Examiner : Roberts P. Culbert
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Title : METHODS FOR A MULTILAYER RETAINING RING

Mail Stop Amendment

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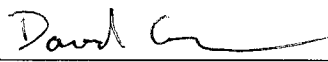
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated May 2, 2006, be extended for three months to and including November 2, 2006.

The fee in the amount of \$1020 is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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